

Weare Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 12, 2003

Meeting commenced at 7:10 P.M.

In attendance were: Pat Myers, Andy Fulton, Mike Manna, Tom Carr, and John Ciampi.

Guest included Mr. Weber of the proposed golf course.

1). Minutes read- John Ciampi read the minutes of the February 12 meeting. Tom Carr suggested changing the wording “ Hugh Durack had his subdivision approved by the Planning Board” to read “ Hugh Durack will have his subdivision reviewed at the next Planning Board meeting”. Mike Manna made motion to accept the minutes as amended and Andy Fulton 2nd. All voted in favor to accept. Motion carried.

2). Mr. Weber- attended this evenings’ meeting and Pat Myers commented to him that , in light of the fact he wants to name his future golf course *Oak Brook*, the brook on the property already is named *Dustin Brook*. Mr. Weber responded that , according to his research, Dustin Brook is an unofficial designation and therefore using his moniker would in no way infringe on any historic identification of the brook. Mr. Weber went on to state that there are plans to pull out the old structure next Summer and he intends to retain the landscape in its natural state. He also stated that he has not applied for an EPA permit which would take several weeks to have approved. Mr. Weber also went on to state that the total working wetland impact will be approximately 1000 sq. ft. and a finished impact of approximately 700 sq. ft. Mr. Weber mentioned that a small wetland of about 750 sq. ft. is on the property but will not be impacted in any way. Tom Carr made motion to approve the expedited DES application and John Ciampi 2nd. All voted in the affirmative. Pat Myers signed all five copies.

3). Mike Manna- Mike addressed the Commission and cable TV audience concerning the selectmen’s meeting of March 10. Mike addressed what the Conservation members and many townspeople considered to be an unjustifiable undercutting of the Commission’s hard work, a misunderstanding of what the Commission represents, and an underestimation of the Commission’s responsibilities, all of which resulted in passionate reactions from some Commission members and certain townspeople who are aware of the Commission’s objectives. Mike began by making a disclaimer that this address reflected his personal feelings and not necessarily the Commission’s. Mike stated that there is an obvious disconnect between the BOS and the Commission. His address stated that he hopes one objective that may be produced from this evenings discourse is that a repeat of this nature may never reoccur. Mike disclosed recommendations to fulfill these objectives. A- to foster a positive working relationship with the BOS. B- to strive to better keep the taxpayers of this community more informed. C- to dissuade the Commission from operating in a political environment. D- to notify the BOS of any future plans to purchase property for Conservation purposes. E to keep the BOS informed of all ongoing business of the Commission in the form of a concise factual letter submitted to the BOS on a

regular basis. F- to make effort to become more proactive with other town departments. G-to minimize the responsibility of the ex-officio to convey this flow of information and maximize this responsibility to the Commission. H- to establish a “paper trail” in the form of written context when making contact with the selectmen. I- to maintain care when crafting any documentation to the selectmen lest the spirit of intention would be inaccurately construed. J- to prepare a working “master plan” which would state goals and objectives of the Commission, both long and short term. K- to develop and maintain a compendium of properties currently under conservation protection. L- to draft a “mission statement” made available to the BOS and the public. M- to distinguish itself from other environmental entities that may exist locally in order to have its own separate voice as the official body solely responsible to the taxpayers. At this point, Pat Myers commented that it is time for the Commission to mature, to become more formal and more influential on important and viable issues as the town continues to increase in population. However, Pat continued, the extra communication would place more stress on an already overloaded agenda. Andy Fulton commented that the Commission should have more contact with the BOS in order to develop more exposure with them and the public. Andy also stated that the town has placed a degree of trust and responsibility on the Commission and it is the obligation of the Commission to ensure these expectations are honored. Mike spoke and stated he felt the Commission should be its own voice on environmental matters and not that of some other organization. At this juncture, Mike brought up the matter of the Wood’s property, a piece of property the owners want to place under Conservation protection, and stated he felt a sense of urgency in finalizing purchase of this property. Andy brought up the consideration that the Historical Society may be of assistance in acquiring land by stipulating land of historical significance which may warrant some form of protection. Pat Myers volunteered to contact Paul Doshier, of the Society for Protection of N.H. Forests, and ask for his guidance to begin overtures on acquiring this property. Andy Fulton has forwarded an offer to research formatting a web page for the Commission.

4). Daniel’s Lake Development- located on Twin Bridge Rd., a subdivision on tax map 110, lot 77. Tom Carr stepped aside on this issue because of his professional involvement. Lot # 77.2 is 2.49 acres, and lot 77.1 is 2.39 acres and they are proposing to be subdivided from lot # 77 which would be reduced to 92.36 acres. The wetland stamp would then be added when the wetland can be delineated after snowout. No concerns on this issue by the Commission.

5). Boisvert subdivision- and LLA on Hoit Mill Rd., tax map 412, lot 185, and lot 194. A written concern that will be forwarded to the Planning Board is that it isn’t known if wetlands on the property were evaluated, and also there are no wetland indicators on the map.

6). RER LLA- located on tax map 201, lot 71. A concern of the Commission that will be forwarded to the Planning Board is that it’s not known if a wetlands evaluation was performed since there are no wetland indicators on the map.

7). Mitchie- forestry/wetlands problem. A complaint was issued to Mr. Mitchie from DES concerning an improper wetlands crossing, file # 2002-418.

8). Televised work session- it was queried by Commission members if work sessions should be televised. Pat Myers suggested contacting the selectmen concerning this issue.

9). Work session- next work session is scheduled for April 2.

10). Motion to adjourn- Tom Carr made motion to adjourn which was 2nd by Mike Manna. All voted in favor of motion. Adjournment at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ciampi

CC: town clerk

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